

***Bulbophyllum praetervisum* J.J. Verm. (Orchidaceae),
an Overlooked Species Close to *B. macranthum* Lindl.**

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Abstract

Bulbophyllum praetervisum sp. nov. is described, a species very similar in general aspect to *Bulbophyllum macranthum* Lindl., but differing in the shape of the column and the lip

While revising *Bulbophyllum* sect. *Sestochilus*, I found that specimens of two different species were included under *B. macranthum* Lindl. in Vermeulen (1991: 263). Vegetatively and in the general aspect of the flowers the two are remarkably similar. However, they clearly differ in the shape of the column and the lip. One is doubtless *B. macranthum* Lindl., but the other is new. It is formally described below; full information will be given in the forthcoming revision of the section.

***Bulbophyllum praetervisum* J.J. Verm., sp. nov.**

Bulbophyllum praetervisum J.J. Verm., a *B. macrantho* ob dentem triangularem secus stelidiorum marginem inferiorem et labelli apicem valde recurvatum differt. – TYPE: Malaysia, Sabah, Bukit Hampuan, Tenom Orchid Centre (T.O.C.) cult. 934 (K, holo.)

Other material seen: BRUNEI. No exact locality, Van Niel 3845 (L).

Notes: The holotype specimen is depicted in Vermeulen (1991: 262). *Bulbophyllum praetervisum* differs from *B. macranthum* Lindl. in having a triangular, acute tooth along the lower margin of each stelidium. The lip is also different, particularly in lateral view: in *B. praetervisum* it is almost straight proximally, with only the tip recurved in a hook-like manner; in *B. macranthum* it is gradually curved over most of its length.

While *B. macranthum* is almost restricted to lowland conditions, *B. praetervisum* also tolerates higher altitudes: in Sabah it has been found at 1500 m alt.

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